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U.S. Patent Documents				
Exam. Initials	Class/ Subclass	Document No.	Date	Name
<i>MK</i>	600/139	2002/0028984	Mar. 7, 2002	Hayakawa <i>et al.</i>
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MC	WO 93/04722	Mar. 18, 1993	PCT

Other Documents	
Exam. Initials	Description (Author, Title, Date, Pages, etc)
MC	English Translation of Japanese Office Action (3 pages)
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Respectfully submitted,

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